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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket No. SST-02	
		First Inventor or Application Identifier William W. Cimino	
		Title Protective Sheath and Method for Ultrasonic Probes	
		Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS <small>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</small>	ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
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1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) <small>(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)</small> 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 15] <small>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</small> - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross References to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to Microfiche Appendix - Background of the invention - Brief Summary of the invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2] 4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2] a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)) <small>(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)</small> c. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix) 6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy b. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy (identical to computer copy) c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS	
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee) 9. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable) 10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) <small>(Should be specifically itemized)</small> 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement(s) filed in prior application (PTO/SB/09-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Status still proper and desired 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	* NOTE FOR ITEMS 1 & 13: IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO PAY SMALL ENTITY FEES, A SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT IS REQUIRED (37 C.F.R. § 1.27); EXCEPT IF ONE FILED IN A PRIOR APPLICATION IS RELIED UPON (37 C.F.R. § 1.28).

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment: <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Divisional <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: _____ Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group / Art Unit: _____ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.	
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Application Number
Filing Date 11/13/98
First Named Inventor William W. Cimino
Examiner Name
Group / Art Unit
Attorney Docket No. SST-02

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106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 540	207 270	Plant filing fee	
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114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
11	-20** = 0	0	0
Independent Claims 4	-3** = 1	41	41
Multiple Dependent		0	0

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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103 22	203 11	Claims in excess of 20	
102 32	202 41	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109 32	209 41	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110 22	210 11	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)			(\$ 41)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 950	217 475	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,510	218 755	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 2,060	228 1,030	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,320	241 660	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,320	242 660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 450	243 225	Design issue fee	
144 670	244 335	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 790	246 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
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DOCKET NUMBER	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION:		PRIOR APPLICATION	
	CLASS	SUBCLASS	EXAMINER	ART UNIT
40206.1USCI	(Same as parent)	(Same as parent)	J. Thissell	3763

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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/191,807, filed on November 13, 1998 entitled PROTECTIVE SHEATH AND METHOD FOR ULTRASONIC PROBES by the following inventor(s):

Full Name of Inventor	Family Name	First Given Name	Second Given Name
	Cimino	William	W.
Residence & Citizenship	City	State or Foreign Country	Country of Citizenship
	Louisville	Colorado	USA
Post Office Address	Post Office Address	City	State & Zip Code/Country
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- ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration showing the applicant's signature, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 10 pages of specification, 11 claims, 1 pages of abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, and 2 pages of oath or declaration.
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☐ Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 11	0	x	\$9.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 4	1	x	\$40.00	\$40.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$355.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$395.00

☒ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. ☒ Payment of fees:
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 395.00
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/191,807, filed November 13, 1998, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

7. ☒ A set of formal drawings (2 sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Priority of application Serial No., filed on in _____, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
9. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
10. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to located at .
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Dorsey & Whitney, 370 17th Street, #4400, Denver, Colorado 80202.
11. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14. ☐ A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.

15. ☐ Also Enclosed:
16. ☒ Address all future communications to the Attention of Thomas H. Young (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
17. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

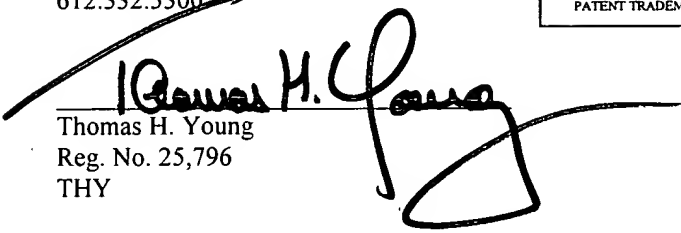
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